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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Special Clothing and/or Uniforms for Contractor and Agency Personnel

1. You will recall that we have agreed to provide "special clothing" for contractor employees overseas under the terms of our contracts with the several participants. I am making the assumption that this term is designed to cover clothing required in the performance of duty rather than dress clothing of any nature. In this connection, I should like to point out that Air Force regulations empower the theater commander to decide if a modification of the Air Force uniform is to be worn in his area by Air Force technical representatives, contractor technicians and/or AF civilians. These uniforms are of the same cloth and color the Air Force prescribes with modifications only in certain details; i.e., buttons, shoulder insignia and rank insignia. For the purchase of these uniforms, if authorized, Air Force regulations provide for a single issue $150 clothing allowance per man.

2. I do not think it is too early to begin considering (1) whether we are to obligate ourselves to purchase special work clothing as required and (2) the modified US Air Force uniform as well. I feel that there is also a question which we should immediately give thought to and that is whether or not any standardized clothing is to be worn by Agency employees while on duty in Detachment A.

3. I point this out now because even though our deployment date for the first echelon appears to have encountered some slippage of from two to four weeks, whatever the date, we must work backwards from there by somewhere in the neighborhood of three weeks at least in order to permit processing Agency and Air Force personnel through Washington, documentation and the final pre-embarkation leave.

4. I would like to suggest that this matter of types and amounts of clothing, both uniform and working issue, be discussed on the spot in England by members of the survey party going out this month with the theater commander under whose aegis we will be working. Your comments are invited.

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